



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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February 9, 2012

Mr. Chris Kregger  
Kregger Ranches, Inc.  
Route 1, Box 108  
Touchet, Washington 99360

Re: Ground Water Permit No. G3-28507

Dear Mr. Kregger:

In response to your request, you are hereby granted an extension to put the water to full beneficial use for the reason(s) below:

According to your request, you will require additional time to fully develop your permit. This further development will be accomplished by withdrawing the Proof of Appropriation form and filling a change that is anticipated to allow full development of the permit. Your request to withdraw the existing Proof of Appropriation has been approved. The application will propose to change the place of use to accommodate irrigation pivots and to add a second well to ensure adequate water quantity. It appears you have made goals in completing your project and putting water to use. Your request is for a reasonable and short period of time. We will grant you additional time to put water to full beneficial use.

The new deadline to submit your *Proof of Appropriation of Water* is **October 1, 2015**.

An approved measuring device must be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173, which describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

Recorded water use data shall be submitted via the Internet. To set up an Internet reporting account, contact the Eastern Regional Office. If you do not have Internet access, you can still submit hard copies by contacting the Eastern Regional Office for forms to submit your water use data.



Water use data shall be recorded weekly. The maximum rate of diversion/withdrawal and the annual total volume shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by January 31st of each calendar year.

Use of water under this authorization will be contingent upon the water right holder's maintenance of efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with established regulation requirements and facility capabilities.

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, will have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

That portion of this authorization relating to irrigation is classified as a Family Farm Permit in accordance with chapter 90.66 RCW. This means the land being irrigated under this authorization shall comply with the following definition: Family Farm - a geographic area including not more than 6,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands, whether contiguous or noncontiguous, the controlling interest in which is held by a person having a controlling interest in no more than 6,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands in the state of Washington which are irrigated under water rights acquired after December 8, 1977. Furthermore, the land being irrigated under this authorization must continue to conform to the definition of a family farm.

The water right holder must file the notice of Proof of Appropriation of water (under which the certificate of water right is issued) when the permanent distribution system has been constructed and the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The certificate will reflect the extent of the project perfected within the limitations of the water right. Elements of a proof inspection may include, as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and satisfaction of provisions.

#### **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this action to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this document. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this document:

- File your appeal and a copy of this document with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this document on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) Email is not accepted.

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You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

*For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website:  
<http://www.eho.wa.gov> . To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature  
Website: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser> .*

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tolleson at 509-329-3526.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Stoffel  
Section Manager  
Water Resources Program  
Eastern Regional Office

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Enclosures: *Proof of Appropriation of Water*  
*Your Right to Be Heard*